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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshikazu ICHiyAMA

Group Art Unit: 2834

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For: MAGNETIC FLUID BEARING MOTOR EMPLOYING POROUS SLEEVE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 24, 2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A magnetic fluid bearing motor provided with a bearing assembly, the bearing
 - 2 assembly comprising:
 - 3 a shaft formed partly or wholly of a ferromagnetic substance;
 - 4 a substantially solid porous sleeve faced to the shaft with a bearing portion with a minimum
 - 5 gap provided therebetween; and
 - 6 magnetic fluid oil impregnated into the gap and the porous sleeve,